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REACTION TO U.S. AIRCRAFT FLY-BY IN NAIROBI

REF: STATE 298865 #

IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL (CONTENTS OF WHICH WERE PASSED TO
FONOFF MORNING OF DEC. 9), FRG AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN
IN KAMPALA HAS CABLED THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON
DEVELOPMENTS IN UGANDA.

BEGIN QUOTE:

1. SO FAR I HAVE NOT BEEN QUERIED OR CONTACTED BY
UGANDAN GOVERNMENT ON AMERICAN NAVY VISIT TO MOMBASA
OR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN KENYA'S CELEBRATION OF
13TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. AMIN'S ANSWER TO AMERICAN NAVY VISIT WAS MEETING OF
DEFENCE COUNCIL ON DEC. 13, 1976, AT ENTEBBE CHAIRED BY
AMIN HIMSELF. AS WAS REPORTED IN THE MEDIA, AMIN
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DISCUSSED WITH COUNCIL MODERNIZING AND STRENGTHENING
OF ARMED FORCES WITHOUT REFERRING TO NAVY VISIT.
COUNCIL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT ALL MILITARY
EQUIPMENT DAMAGED DURING ISRAELI RAID OF ENTEBBE AIR-
PORT HAS BEEN REPLACED AND THAT UGANDAN FORCES ARE
"READY TO MEET ANY ENEMY AT ANY TIME." AMIN ANNOUNCED

THAT THE INAUGURATION OF NEW SUPERSONIC FIGHTER SQUADRON WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 1, 1977, AFTER TRAINING OF UGANDAN PILOTS AND TECHNICIANS IS COMPLETED. HE MENTIONED THAT DURING ISRAELI ACTION, AIR FORCE WAS MANNED BY RUSSIANS. HE URGED MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES "TO WORK DOUBLY HARD BECAUSE OUR ENEMIES ARE NOT SLEEPING." HE CONTINUED, "EVERY REGIMENT MUST TRAIN DAY AND NIGHT SO THAT WE ARE NOT TAKEN BY SURPRISE BY THE ENEMY."

AMIN POINTED OUT THAT HE INTENDED TO NEGOTIATE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES FOR ROUTES TO THE SEA OTHER THAN MOMBASA.

3. IT MAY NOT BE A COINCIDENCE THAT MUCH PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN TO AMIN'S BRIEFING BY UGANDA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LESOTHO, MAJOR GENERAL ISAAC LUMAGO, ON THE 7TH CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE. (THE CONFERENCE IN LESOTHO JUST ENDED.) LUMAGO TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SHOULD NOT TAKE AMERICAN SWEET WORDS FOR GRANTED. AMERICANS HAD TALKED SO MUCH ABOUT THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN CAUSE THAT IT WAS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THEY WERE SINCERE IN WHAT THEY SAID. THE PROBLEMS IN RACIST SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE PROBLEMS FOR AFRICANS AND THOSE LIVING IN THE AREAS WITHOUT RELYING ON THE UNITED STATES. "THE MEMORIES OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE DURING THE KENNEDY DAYS ARE STILL VIVID WITH MANKIND."

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LUMAGO INFORMED AMIN THAT DEMOCRATIC SENATOR DICK CLARK LED THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AND TOLD HIM THAT THE SENATOR CRITICIZED AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA, SAYING THAT "IT HAS BEEN ALL TOO QUICK TO COMMIT INJUSTICES IN THE NAME OF ANTI-COMMUNISM" AND THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED A POLICY IN SUPPORT OF BLACK MAJORITY IN AFRICA FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. LUMAGO TOLD AMIN THAT AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE WERE "VERY CRITICAL ABOUT THE WAY UNITED STATES GIVES DEVELOPMENT AID TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. IN GIVING AID, THE UNITED STATES EXPECTED TO INFLUENCE THE RUNNING OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES."

4. FULL TEXT OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON MEETING OF DEFENSE COUNCIL AND ON LUMAGO REPORT WILL BE SENT BY BAG.

5. CRITICISM OF WEST WAS ALSO EXPRESSED BY AMIN ON
DECEMBER 14, AS HE RECEIVED CREDENTIALS FROM NEW SOVIET

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AMBASSADOR MOUSIYKO. AS WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS,
AMIN POINTED OUT TO NEW ENVOY THAT "SOME WESTERN
IMPERIALIST AND CAPITALIST COUNTRIES WANT TO COLONIZE
AFRICA" BUT THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT "FRIENDLY
ATTITUDE OF THE SOVIET UNION WILL ENABLE THE COUNTRIES
OF AFRICA TO DEFEND THEIR SOVEREIGNTY". AMIN STRESSED
TO ENVOY THAT UGANDA WAS NOT A CAPITALIST COUNTRY, BUT
THAT UGANDA HAS "A MILITARY AND REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT WORKING IN THE INTEREST OF THE ENTIRE
PEOPLE." AMIN PRAISED SOVIET UNION AS "BEST FRIEND OF
AFRICA AND SAVIOR OF ALL COUNTRIES COLONIZED BY THE
WESTERN IMPERIALIST AND CAPITALIST POWERS." AMIN NOTED
"SOME IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES SAY THAT UGANDA AND SOMALIA
ARE ENEMIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, WHICH IS NOT
TRUE." THE ARMS UGANDA GETS FROM THE SOVIET UNION WERE
FOR HER DEFENSE AND NOT FOR AGGRESSION. AMIN ASSURED
ENVOY THAT THE SOVIETS WERE FREE TO OVERFLY OR LAND IN
UGANDA ANY TIME FOR RE-FUELLING WHEN ON THEIR WAY TO
AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

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6. IT IS FIRST TIME AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN USA THAT AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA AND WESTERN COUNTRIES AT LARGE ARE CRITICIZED SO OPENLY. UP TO THIS REPORTS ON PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER WERE POSITIVE AND FRIENDLY, OBVIOUSLY IN THE HOPE THAT AMERICA WOULD NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH UGANDA SOON AND RE-OPEN HER EMBASSY IN KAMPALA AFTER NEW SECRETARY OF STATE WILL HAVE TAKEN OFFICE.

7. COMMENTS BY AFRICAN COLLEAGUES AND UGANDAN FRIENDS ON AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN NAIROBI CELEBRATIONS DIFFER WIDELY. SOME SAY IT WAS HIGH TIME THAT AMERICANS SHOWED SOVIETS IN SOMALIA AND UGANDA THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THEIR MILITARY BUILD-UP IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND DECIDED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO HARASSED KENYA. OTHERS FEAR THAT US MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN CELEBRATIONS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES WILL BE COMPARED WITH ISRAELI INTERVENTION IN ENTEBBE AND LEAD ULTIMATELY TO MORE INVOLVEMENT OF SOVIETS HERE AND IN SOMALIA. STILL OTHERS CRITICIZE AMERICANS SAYING THEY SHOULD HAVE INFLUENCED KENYA GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE OIL-EMBARGO AGAINST UGANDA IN JULY AND AUGUST UNTIL AMIN'S EXPECTED DOWNFALL, INSTEAD OF SENDING WARSHIPS 5 MONTHS LATER. ELLERKMANN

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